Sl. No.	Name of the project	Amount sanctioned (Rs. in lakhs)
8.	Rock, climbing equipment to be utilised at Kotari, Distt. Gurdaspur and Ropar	4.78
9.	Water sports equipment at Roper, Doraha and Madhopur in Punjab	12.55
	1995-96	
1.	Tourist Complex at Faridkot	29.67
2.	Tourist Complex at Garhshanker	28.89
3.	Tourist Complex at Sanghol	28.65
4.	Tourist Complex at Talwandisaboo	23.88
	TOTAL	544.19

Growth rate of Tourists

1555. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the growth rate in arrivals of tourists during the first nine months of 1995-96;

(b) how it compares with the growth rate during the same period last year;

(c) whether there has been a drop in the growth rate in arrival of tourists;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) steps taken to improve the position with special reference to availability of accommodation?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) to (c) Tourist traffic to India and Growth rate in arrivals during 1993 to 1995 are as given below:—

Period	Tourist Arrivals			Growth rate(%)	
	1993	1994	1995	1994/1993	1995/1994
April—December	1318940	1334111	1550474	1.2	16.2

(d) does not arise.

(e) Steps taken by the Government to attract foreign tourists include improvement of infrastructural facilities by extending financial assistance to the State Government and by providing incentives to private sector.

प्राथमिकता वाले क्षेत्र को ऋण देने के उपरांत बची राशि के उपयोग के संबंध में दिशानिर्देश

1556. **श्री राम जेठमलानी:** क्या वित्त मंत्री 16 जुलाई, 1996 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न सं॰ 272 और 297 के दिए गए उत्तरों को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने प्राथमिकता वाले क्षेत्रों को ऋण देने के उपरांत बैंकों में जमा बाकी धनराशि का उपयोग करने के संबंध में दिशा-निर्देश जारी किए हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो ये दिशा-निर्देश क्या हैं;

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि बैंकों द्वारा बट्टे-खाते में डाली जाने वाली अधिकांश राशि शेष जमा राशि के उपयोग का परिणाम होती है; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो बैंकों द्वारा प्रतिवर्ष प्राथमिकता वाले क्षेत्र को दिए गए ऋणों और पूर्ववर्ती वर्षों में शेष

राशि के उपयोग के संदर्भ में औसतन कितनी-कितनी राशि बट्टे खाते में डाली गई?

वित्त मंत्री तथा कम्पनी कार्य मंत्री (श्री पी० चिदम्बरम): (क) और (ख) भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक ने बताया है कि उसने निर्यात क्षेत्र में वित्तपोषण के अलावा, बैंकों के गैर प्राथमिकता क्षेत्रों में अग्रिम के क्षेत्रीय अभिनियोजन के संबंध में कोई मार्गदर्शी सिद्धांत नहीं जारी किए हैं। तथापि, बैंकों को सलाह दी गई है कि उनके द्वारा प्रदत्त वित्त उत्पादक कार्यों के लिये होना चाहिए न कि सट्टेबाजी के प्रयोजन के लिए। बैंकों को बैंक वित्त की निगरानी और उसके अन्तिम उपयोग को सुनिश्चित करना होता है।

(ग) और (घ) भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक ने सूचित किया है कि इस विषय पर उसके पास और कोई सूचना नहीं है।

Dafthary Allowance to Messengers by Regional Rural Banks

1557. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development advised Regional Rural Banks to pay Dafthary Allowance to Messengers in its order dated 5th July, 1991;

(b) whether the Regional Rural Banks Sponsored by State Bank of India in Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh have implemented this order; and

(c) if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) had advised all the regional rural Banks (RRBs) and sponsor Banks, vide their circular dated 5th July, 1991 that the functional allowance of dafthary to peons working in branches of RRBs may be allowed as per practice prevailing in the rural branches of sponsor banks where only one peon is provided, Further, NABARD had issued instructions on 20th March, 1993 to all the RRBs and sponsor banks including State Bank of India (SBI), inter-alia, that the dafthary allowance is to be made applicable as and when the post of dafthary is created in the RRB in the Head Office and/or branches. In respect of Branches, the allowance should be made applicable only to the messenger who is to be entrusted with the work of dafthary, provided such allowance is paid by the sponsor bank to the messenger in its rural branch where only one peon or messenger is provided.

(b) and (c) SBI has reported that the norms and conditions for creation of post of Dafthary in its branches and administrative offices were issued on 16th April 1993. The RRBs sponsored by State Bank of India including those in Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh are required to follow the same practice as prevalent in SBI in this regard.

Investigation by Sebi into Share Switching

1558. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Securities and Exchange Board of India had made detailed investigations into the controversial share switching;

(b) if so, what is the outcome thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, sir.

(b) Some of the main findings as contained in Inspection Reports submitted by Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on switching of shares of Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) are given in the Statement (*see* below).

(c) In the light of the findings contained in the Inspection Reports, the